

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1, 14, and 21 are currently being amended. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116, Applicants respectfully request that these claim amendments be entered such that the rejected claims are in “better form for consideration on appeal.” (37 C.F.R. 1.116(b)(2).)

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-2, 4-14, 16-23, and 25 are now pending in this application. Claims 26-30 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-12, 14, 16-23 and 25

In Section 4 of the Office Action, Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-12, 16-23 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,498,861 (Hamid et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,070,159 (Wilson et al.). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Examiner asserts that Wilson et al. discloses the limitation of “including time information with the captured media, biometric, and database information associated with an individual to create a multi-modal chronological dossier of the individual.” (See page 9 of the Office Action.) The Examiner states that the time information could be “date of birth,” which according to Col. 8, lines 1-3 of Wilson et al. can be used as a “pseudo-biometric index.” The Examiner then states:

Further, Wilson discloses the biometric records 12 and/or indexes of the data groups 25 of the database 20 are preferably generally evenly distributed or uniformly assigned across the data groups 20 (Fig. 2, col. 9, lines 28-30), which correspond to a multi chronological dossier.

(Page 9, Office Action, Emphasis in original.)

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's position. Wilson et al. does not disclose a "chronological dossier." The American Heritage College Dictionary defines "chronological" as "arranged in order of time of occurrence; relating to or in accordance with chronology ['chronology' being defined as the arrangement of events in time]" and "dossier" as "a collection of papers giving detailed information about a particular person or subject." A date of birth provides information on when a person was born. A date of birth is a single data point and, as a result, does not provide enough information to form a collection of papers arranged based on events in time—which is what a "chronological dossier" of an individual is.

The passage in Wilson et al. cited by the Examiner (Col. 9, lines 28-30) states: "The records 12 and/or indexes of the data groups 25 of the database 20 are preferable generally evenly distributed or uniformly assigned across the data groups 20." The fact that Wilson et al. "evenly distributes" or "uniformly assigns" records or indexes teaches the use of a particular organizational structure, not a chronological dossier, as claimed by the Applicants. Moreover, the "evenly distributes" or "uniformly assigns" feature teaches away from the use of an arrangement based on time. Time entries for captured information in a chronological dossier would not be "uniform" or "evenly distributed."

Nevertheless, to advance prosecution, Applicants believe it may be helpful to amend the claims to clarify the intended meaning of "chronological dossier." As amended, independent claims 1 and 14 state:

including time information with the captured media, biometric, and database information associated with an individual to create a multi-modal chronological dossier of the individual, wherein the

time information includes when the media, biometric, and database information is captured;

Independent claim 21 requires:

assign timing information to the captured media, biometric, and database information associated with the individual to form a history of captured information including times of when the media, biometric, and database information is captured;

The present application describes the advantages of the “chronological dossier” or history of captured information. In paragraph [0046] of the present application, the Applicants explain:

By way of example, interact system 300 provides chronological perspective, record to record compare, image and media retrieval, skimming across multiple records, rapid retrieval, navigation on multi-search criteria, scalable on secure networks, transfer capabilities, application development tools, and other functions. Advantageously, interact system 300 provides users, such as, an immigration officer with the ability to quickly retrieve information about individual profiles, including **a chronological profile that details times and locations of entry into the system.**

(emphasis added.)

In paragraph [0057] of the present application, the Applicants state:

... Interactions can include searching for individuals based on certain textual clues to retrieve a **detailed chronological account of a suspect along with facial imagery, travel history, fingerprints, etc.** Advantageously, a composite compilation of related records can be created automatically in a storyboard format on a computer user interface such that security personnel can view profile details. ...

(emphasis added.)

In paragraph [0062] of the present application, the Applicants state:

Advantageously, passport information can be verified using current media and biometric information. The captured information can be stored, organized, and managed such that the information available in the profile is increased and improved. For example, **identification is managed chronologically using a history of captures, including time and location.** Identification matches are more accurate and more meaningful. Immigration officers can also make determinations based on historical media and biometric information unavailable from the face of the passport.

Wilson et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest creating a “multi-modal chronological dossier of the individual, wherein the time information includes when the media, biometric, and database information is captured,” as required by independent claims 1 and 14. Moreover, Wilson et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest assigning timing information to form a “history of captured information including times of when the media, biometric, and database information is captured,” as required by independent claim 21.

Claims 2, 4, 9, and 11-12 depend from independent claim 1. Claims 16-20 depend from independent claim 14. Claims 22-23 and 25 depend from independent claim 21. These claims are patentable for at least the same reasons the independent claims are. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-12, 16-23 and 25.

Claim 10

In Section 5 of the Office Action, Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamid et al., in view of Wilson et al., and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,505,193 (Musgrave et al.). Applicant traverses the rejection.

Claim 10 depends from independent claim 1. Musgrave et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest creating a “multi-modal chronological dossier of the individual, wherein the time

information includes when the media, biometric, and database information is captured,” as required by independent claim 1. As explained above, this limitation is not disclosed, taught, or suggested by Hamid et al. or Wilson et al., alone or in combination.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 10.

Claim 13

In Section 6 of the Office Action, Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamid et al., in view of Wilson et al., and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0056434 (Kaplan et al.). Applicant traverses the rejection.

Claim 13 depends from independent claim 1. Kaplan et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest creating a “multi-modal chronological dossier of the individual, wherein the time information includes when the media, biometric, and database information is captured,” as required by independent claim 1. As explained above, this limitation is not disclosed, taught, or suggested by Hamid et al. or Wilson et al., alone or in combination.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 13.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check

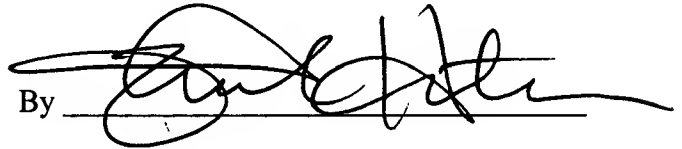
being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

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